

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a transparent insulating substrate;

a gate line and a gate electrode on the transparent insulating substrate;

a gate insulating film, an active layer, an ohmic contact layer, source and drain electrodes, and a data line on the transparent insulating substrate;

a passivation film formed on the transparent insulating substrate including the source and drain electrodes and the data line;

a compensation film formed ~~on~~ to contact the passivation film; and

a pixel electrode formed on at least the compensation film,

wherein the pixel electrode overlaps the data line.

Claim 2 (Original): The device according to claim 1, wherein the pixel electrode includes ITO.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device, comprising:

forming a gate line and a gate electrode on a transparent insulating substrate;

forming a gate insulating film, an active layer, an ohmic contact layer, source and drain electrodes, and a data line on the transparent insulating substrate;

forming a passivation film on the transparent insulating substrate including the source and drain electrodes and the gate line;

forming a compensation film ~~on~~ to contact at least the passivation film; and

forming a pixel electrode on the compensation film,

wherein the pixel electrode overlaps the data line.

Claim 4 (Original): The method according to claim 3, wherein the pixel electrode includes an ITO metal film.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a transparent insulating substrate;

a black matrix formed on the transparent insulating substrate;

a color filter layer formed on an upper surface of the black matrix; and

an overcoat film on the color filter layer;

a polarizing compensation film formed on the overcoat film;

a common electrode formed on the polarizing compensation film.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim 5, wherein the overcoat film has a planar upper surface formed between the color filter layer and the polarizing compensation film.

Claim 7 (Original): The device according to claim 5, wherein the common electrode includes ITO.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display, comprising:

forming a black matrix on a transparent insulating substrate;

forming a color filter layer on the black matrix;

forming an overcoat film on the color filter layer;

forming a polarizing compensation film on an upper surface of the color filter layer; and

forming a common electrode on the polarizing compensation film.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 8, wherein the forming an overcoat film is after the forming of the color filter layer.

Claim 10 (Original): The method according to claim 8, wherein the common electrode includes ITO.

Claim 11 (Original): The method according to claim 8, wherein forming the color filter layer includes sequentially forming red, green, and blue color filter layers.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a thin film transistor substrate;

a pixel electrode formed on the thin film transistor substrate;

a color filter substrate including a black matrix;

a common electrode formed on the color filter substrate;

a liquid crystal material formed between the thin film transistor substrate and the color filter substrate; and

a compensation film at least disposed between one of the pixel electrode and the thin film transistor substrate to contact the pixel electrode, and the common electrode and the color filter substrate,

wherein the compensation film compensates for phase variations of light transmitted through the liquid crystal material.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 12, further comprising an overcoat film formed between the compensation film and a color filter film on the color filter substrate.

Claim 14 (Original): The device according to claim 13, wherein the overcoat film is formed between red, green, and blue color filter layers of the color filter film.

Claim 15 (Original): The device according to claim 14, wherein the overcoat film contacts a black matrix formed between the red, green, and blue color filter layers.

Claim 16 (Original): The device according to claim 14, wherein the overcoat film contacts the red, green, and blue color filter layers.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

- a first substrate including a plurality of pixel electrodes;

- a second substrate including a common electrode, a color filter film, and a black matrix;

- a liquid crystal material formed between the first and second substrates;

- an overcoat film on the color filter film; and

- a compensation film formed beneath the common electrode,

wherein the overcoat film directly contacts the color filter film and the compensation film.

Claim 18 (Original): The device according to claim 17, wherein an upper surface of the overcoat film is planar.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 17, wherein the overcoat film is disposed between the color filter film and the compensation film.

Claim 20 (Original): The device according to claim 19, wherein the overcoat film directly contacts the black matrix.

Claim 21 (Original): The device according to claim 17, wherein the overcoat film directly contacts the black matrix.